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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 1763

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For: METHODS FOR MAKING INTERNAL DIE FILTERS WITH MULTIPLE  
PASSAGEWAYS WHICH ARE FLUIDICALLY IN PARALLEL

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the December 19, 2005 Election of Species Requirement, Applicant  
provisionally elects Species A, claims 1-8, with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all species is sufficiently related  
that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one species would encompass a search for  
the subject matter of the remaining species. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search  
and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP  
§803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be  
made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it  
includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully  
submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid  
unnecessary delay and expense to Applicant and duplicative examination by the Patent  
Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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